(b) the outlay utilized in that institution with details thereof and results achieved therefrom;

(c) what was the approved outlay for various schemes for Super Bazar for 1994-95;

(d) whether any market improvement in sales promotion and net profits has been noticed in that institution after utilizing outlays of 1999-2000 and 2001-2002, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) The approved outlay for Super Bazar for 1994-95 was Rs. 8.00 lakhs as share capital Rs. 8.00 lakhs as loan and Rs. 4.00 lakhs as subsidy.

(d) The sales position and profitability of Super Bazar for 1999-2000 are as under (Rs. in lakhs):

Year	Sales	(+) Net Profit (—) Net Loss
1999-2000	8,167.35	(—) 1372.52

The Super Bazar has reported that the figures for 2001-2002 are yet to be compiled.

(e) The reasons in declining sales and losses are as under:—

1. The Super Bazar has manpower far in excess of its actual requirement.

2. There was mismanagement/corruption during the last few years.

3. The salaries of employees were enhanced due to implementation of the Fifth Pay Commission's recommendations resulting in increase of expenses.

4. Non-payment of dues by Government Department.

Road freight expenses for transportation of palmolein

477. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gujarat Government have represented to the Central

Government for increasing reimbursement of road freight expenses for transportation of palmolein allotted by the Central Government;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering the claim of the State for increase in reimbursement of road freight; and

(c) by when a decision would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government of India considered the representation of Gujarat Government. However, the representation could not be acceded to, and the Government of Gujarat has been informed on 8.12.2000.

Requirement of foodgrains for BPL and APL people of Bihar

†478. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of foodgrains required for the people living below and above the poverty line in Bihar during the last three years under PDS;

(b) the quantum of foodgrains actually allotted to the State togetherwith the increase, if any made therein; and

(c) the prices at which the foodgrains were released during these years for the persons under BPL and the actual retail prices thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) Under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) introduced from June, 1997, foodgrains (Rice & Wheat) are allotted to States/UTs including Bihar for families below poverty line (BPL) & families above poverty line (APL) as per TPDS guidelines. The allocation of foodgrains for BPL families was fixed at 10 kg. per family per month which was increased to 20 kg. from April, 2000 and has again been increased to 25 kg. per family per month from July, 2001. The APL allocation of foodgrains was fixed equal to the past 10 years' annual average lifting of foodgrains under PDS minus BPL allocation for a State/UT.

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